

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. NEAL) and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BRADY) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Massachusetts.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Massachusetts?

There was no objection.

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I think that what we are doing here is to certainly reassert ourselves on what the Senate has done, which the House did originally. I strongly support the House taking swift action to concur in the Senate amendment before us so that the legislation to suspend energy imports from Russia that we passed a month ago now can move to the President's desk.

We have no time to waste, as Mr. BRADY and I have both indicated. We must immediately move to further punish Vladimir Putin, a ruthless dictator hell-bent on destroying an independent nation that he purports to suggest doesn't really exist. That will come as a vast surprise to the civilized nations of the world.

Congress must do what we can to end this brutality and continue to support the Ukrainian people.

I thank KEVIN BRADY for his partnership in advancing this legislation to ban the import of Russian energy, as well as our intent here to suspend normal trade relations with Russia and its enabler, Belarus.

These actions will further isolate Putin and his regime, and inflict greater pressure on the Kremlin, to end this campaign of terror.

I know this legislation will receive broad support from our colleagues.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BRADY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I join with Chairman NEAL in urging the House to take the final legislative step to ending the flow of American dollars toward Russian oil that acts as a treasury for Russia's war machine.

Soon, President Biden will have on his desk a bill that demonstrates we stand with the people of Ukraine.

As Chairman NEAL pointed out, the Ukrainian people have been waiting. The action we take today is long overdue but just as necessary.

Since we first debated this bill, the horrors of Putin's war in Ukraine have been on display for the world to see. Today, we will make sure American dollars will no longer fund Russia's war machine by blocking all Russian energy imports.

The bill also strengthens the sanctions by ensuring that before the ban can be lifted, Russia must meet three clear criteria: withdraws its forces from Ukraine; poses no immediate military threat of aggression to NATO; and recognizes the right of the people of Ukraine to independently and freely choose their own government.

This is an important, bipartisan victory. There is still more we can do and should do.

We should turn toward unleashing America's own ability to be energy independent, replace Russian oil with American sources, and use our energy strengths to wean the world from Russian energy.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. SMITH), the Republican leader of the Subcommittee on Trade.

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate this opportunity that we can work together. I appreciate the comments of the chairman and our ranking member.

It is only appropriate that we move to use the key trade tools at our disposal to hold Vladimir Putin accountable for these atrocities that he has committed against Ukraine because we know it is being felt around the world, in addition to what the people of Ukraine are feeling.

I am glad that we can act in this manner. I wish we would have done it sooner, but I am glad we can act today.

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BRADY. Mr. Speaker, I strongly support this great bipartisan work from the House. I thank Chairman NEAL and the Ways and Means Democrats for working together with us and the Senate Finance Committee. I urge strong passage in the House.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I acknowledge Mr. BRADY and the Republican Members of the House who have stood with Democrats in an unyielding position of support for the Ukrainian people. On this occasion, we send another message that civilized people of the world are all Ukrainians at this moment.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. NEAL) that the House suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the bill, H.R. 6968.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. BRADY. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(s) of House Resolution 8, the yeas and nays are ordered.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion are postponed.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed. Votes will be taken in the following order:

Motions to suspend the rules with respect to the following:

Concurring in the Senate amendment to H.R. 7108; and

Concurring in the Senate amendment to H.R. 6968.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XX, remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

SUSPENDING NORMAL TRADE RELATIONS WITH RUSSIA AND BELARUS ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 7108) to suspend normal trade relations treatment for the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus, and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. NEAL) that the House suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 420, nays 3, not voting 7, as follows:

[Roll No. 124]

YEAS—420

Adams	Bucshon	Courtney
Aderholt	Budd	Craig
Aguilar	Burchett	Crawford
Allred	Burgess	Crenshaw
Amodei	Bush	Crist
Armstrong	Bustos	Crow
Arrington	Butterfield	Cuellar
Auchincloss	Calvert	Curtis
Axne	Cammack	Davidson
Babin	Carbajal	Davidson
Bacon	Cárdenas	Davis, Danny K.
Baird	Carey	Davis, Rodney
Balderson	Carl	Dean
Banks	Carson	DeFazio
Barr	Carter (GA)	DeGette
Barragán	Carter (LA)	DeLauro
Bass	Carter (TX)	DeBene
Beatty	Cartwright	Delgado
Bentz	Case	Demings
Bera	Casten	DeSaulnier
Bergman	Castor (FL)	DesJarlais
Beyer	Castro (TX)	Deutch
Bice (OK)	Cawthorn	Diaz-Balart
Biggs	Chabot	Dingell
Bilirakis	Cheney	Doggett
Bishop (GA)	Cherfilus-	Donalds
Bishop (NC)	McCormick	Doyle, Michael
Blumenauer	Chu	F.
Blunt Rochester	Cicilline	Duncan
Boebert	Clark (MA)	Dunn
Bonamici	Clarke (NY)	Ellzey
Bost	Cleaver	Emmer
Bourdeaux	Cline	Escobar
Bowman	Cloud	Eshoo
Boyle, Brendan	Clyburn	Española
F.	Clyde	Estes
Brady	Cohen	Evans
Brooks	Cole	Fallon
Brown (MD)	Comer	Feenstra
Brown (OH)	Connolly	Fischbach
Brownley	Cooper	Fitzgerald
Buchanan	Correa	Fitzpatrick
Buck	Costa	Fleischmann